

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the drawings, as shown in the attached annotated and replacement sheets.

REMARKS

An abstract of less than 150 words has been provided.

Descriptive labels have been provided in FIGS. 1-3.

A typographical error regarding the numerals “84” and “94” has been corrected in the specification.

Each independent claim has been amended and limited to solutions in which a user network termination element is connected directly to the network element of the SDH (or first) network to determine if the user network termination element is functioning correctly, wherein the user network termination element converts information from an optical to an electrical format of the Ethernet (or second) network, and *vice versa*. Basis for this amendment can be found on page 12, line 24 - page 13, line 8 and on page 12, lines 1-5 and 16-23 of the specification. These features are not disclosed in, or suggested by, any of the references relied upon by the Examiner.

Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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